

REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action claims 1-51 are pending and stand rejected. Applicants respectfully request entry and favorable consideration of the amendments and remarks presented herewith.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-51 stand *provisionally* rejected under the nonstatutory doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over co-pending application serial number 10/802,419.

Applicants respectfully disagree but herewith submits a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection. Applicants note that the rejection was stated to be *provisional* due to the fact that the allegedly conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully suggest that all claims 1-51 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued so the claimed invention may proceed to timely issuance as U.S. Letters Patent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 13-2546 for the cost of the instant disclaimer. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

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